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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6980

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SUBJ: PARVIN FELLOW GREGORIO R. SUAREZ

REF: STATE 145308

1. ALTHOUGH IT BELIEVES SUAREZ EXCELLENT CANDIDATE AND PHILIPPINES LONG OVERDUE FOR INCLUSION PARVIN PROGRAM, EMBASSY IV COMMITTEE GENERALLY RELUCTANT PROVIDE HIM TRAVEL GRANT FOR THIS SMALL AND PRESUMABLY WELL-ENDOWED PROGRAM. WE CONSIDER IT UNFAIR FOR PRINCETON ASK SUAREZ APPROACH EMBASSY FOR TRAVEL GRANT SINCE PARVIN BROCHURE STATES "ALL ESSENTIAL EXPENSES, INCLUDING TRAVEL FROM HOME AND RETURN, WILL BE COVERED BY THE FELLOWSHIPS." PRINCETON INITIATIVE ALSO RISKS EMBARRASSMENT MISSION, PARTICULARLY SINCE SUAREZ' BROTHER IS PHILIPPINES CONSUL GENERAL CHICAGO AND VIEW SUAREZ' OWN POSITION AT CENTRAL BANK. FURTHERMORE, WE ALSO CONCERNED THAT FAVORABLE ACTION IN CASE OF SUAREZ WOULD SET PRECEDENT FOR SUBSEQUENT SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM OTHER PROGRAMS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT HENRY SCHILLING, DIRECTOR GRADUATE ADMISSIONS, PRINCETON, AND INFORM HIM THAT (1) HAD IT BEEN ADVISED EARLIER OF SUAREZ' SELECTION PAEF COULD HAVE CONSIDERED TRAVEL GRANT, BUT FY74 FUNDS NOW COMMITTED; (2) SMALL EMBASSY IV PROGRAM NOT INTENDED FOR THIS PURPOSE AND LARGELY PLOTTED FOR REMAINDER FY; (3) SUAREZ HAS EXHAUSTED OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCES FUNDS WITHIN PHILIPPINES. BASED ON THESE FACTORS PRINCETON SHOULD BE REQUESTED MAKE FINAL DECISION OFFER SUAREZ TRAVEL GRANT WITHIN WEEK-TEN DAYS.

3. FYI, SUAREZ GROWING UNDERSTANDABLY UNEASY SINCE HE MUST ARRIVE
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NEW JERSEY NLT SEPT. 10 AND CLEARANCE PROCEDURES PRIOR OBTAINING

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS COULD TAKE THREE WEEKS OR MORE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST PRINCETON DECISION.
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